

eyes when we no longer need them. I encourage people to discuss this important issue with their families, as Nathan did. By arranging to donate his eye, this young boy has shown us that some good can result even from a tragic loss.

Our nation's eye banks—non-profit agencies operating under the umbrella of the Eye Bank Association of America—have done a heroic job of restoring sight to blind people. Today, cornea transplantation is the most common transplant procedure performed, with an extremely high success rate of nearly 90 percent.

This incredible success rate is due in part to a meticulous screening process which separates out corneas unsuitable for transplantation. These may be used for research purposes in surgical training and medical education. So, while each donated eye is put to good use, such a selective screening process must be supported by a large number of donations.

Right now, there are simply not enough donors. We must change that. I want to encourage my colleagues to celebrate National Eye Donor Month by working closely with our Nation's eye banks to educate the American public about how they can help others to see. Let us all aim to increase the number of eyes available for transplantation, so that we may illuminate the darkness for so many of our fellow citizens.

#### TRIBUTE TO HANNAH COVINGTON MCGEE

#### HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 3, 1999*

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Hannah Covington McGee, a woman who was dedicated to serve in her community and at Wingate University in Wingate, North Carolina.

Mrs. McGee, was a native of Rockingham, North Carolina. The McGees moved to Wingate 6½ years ago when her husband, Jerry, was named president of Wingate University. Together they have raised two sons and served the thousands of students who have attended Wingate University under their tenure.

Jerry and Hannah McGee have been married 33 years. They have been sweethearts ever since his high school football days in Richmond County, North Carolina. Dr. McGee often referred to his wife as "the girl with the ponytail who stole my heart."

At Wingate University, Mrs. McGee, an art lover, took a keen interest in the new fine arts center. She helped lead the fund-raising campaign for a new George A. Batte Fine Arts Center and assisted with its interior decoration. As the wife of the President, Mrs. McGee attended numerous dinners, graduations and special functions at Wingate, that she was not required to attend. But she shared her husband's commitment to the University and was honored to participate.

In the community, Mrs. McGee was tireless in her efforts to serve. She helped launch English as a second language program in the Union County schools. Mrs. McGee was on the Board of Directors at the Union County

Players, and she helped in restoring the M.B. Dry Memorial Chapel on campus.

Most recently, the McGees were in Tortola in the British Virgin Islands where Dr. McGee was on a three month sabbatical to relax and spend more time with his wife. In remarks Dr. McGee released, he said, "She was the mother, wife, daughter and sister that everyone dreams of—one of the easiest people to love who ever lived." Hannah McGee will be missed. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a remarkable woman.

#### CELEBRATING THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SECURUS HOUSE IN CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

#### HON. MAC COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 3, 1999*

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and commemorate the anniversary of the Securus House in Clayton County, Georgia. In 1983, three members of the Clayton County/Henry County Women's Council of Realtors, Tricia Capps, Jane Cox, and Betsy Ramsey discussed options for a community project with Anne Plant, Director of Family and Children Services. These concerned citizens joined together to establish a badly needed facility for battered women. On March 9, 1999, the Securus House will celebrate fifteen years of work to ease and overcome family violence.

With well over 82,000 men, women, and children requesting assistance from this community project, the Securus House is a daily, working example of what local communities are capable of accomplishing.

Every day, the Securus House makes strides toward the elimination of domestic violence. Although it has sheltered over 3,400 women and children, tragically, between 1988 and 1998 in Clayton County, one hundred and seventeen women, children, and men died as the result of domestic violence. Their lives will be remembered in a candlelight vigil as part of the anniversary commemoration.

I congratulate and commend the Securus House and Clayton County for their tremendous efforts on behalf of the community and for the difference they make every day.

#### MARY MCAFEE NAMED THE MILKEN FAMILY FOUNDATION NATIONAL EDUCATOR

#### HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 3, 1999*

Mrs. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring to your attention the honor bestowed upon Mary McAfee, Principal of Zuni Elementary Magnet School, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Ms. McAfee has been named to receive the 1998 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award.

Mary McAfee is one of 160 outstanding educators from around our great country selected for this honor. The criterion for this award includes exceptional educational talent and promise and distinguished achievement in developing innovative educational curricula, pro-

grams and/or teaching methods. Within her school, Zuni Elementary, Ms. McAfee provides leadership and models the behaviors identified in the criteria. By providing the example she raises the standard for all teachers at Zuni Elementary, supporting a team environment for children to learn.

This Award is the reflection of the many lives Mary McAfee has touched. With all of the talk about how to improve education, Mary McAfee is actually making those improvements for the children of Zuni Elementary and for our great community of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Please join me in thanking and honoring Mary McAfee for those contributions.

#### IN HONOR OF DEPUTY MAYOR ANGELO CORTINAS AND COUNCILMAN ANSELMO MILLAN, FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY

#### HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 3, 1999*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the late Honorable Angelo Cortinas and the Honorable Anselmo Millan for their dedication and commitment to the Hispanic Community.

In his days as a detective for the Office of the Sheriff, Deputy Mayor Angelo Cortinas worked tirelessly for the citizens of Essex County. Responsible for more than 2,000 arrests during his 26 years on the force, Mr. Cortinas was committed to the safety and well being of the community. More specifically, Mr. Cortinas devoted his life and career to the betterment of Latinos and the Hispanic Community.

Through hard work and perseverance, Mr. Cortinas' grassroots efforts provided many services to the Latinos in my district. He served as founding member on the Hispanic Emergency Council, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the Hispanic Law Enforcement Society of Essex County. He also served as Chairman of Club Espana, Vice President of the National Association of Latino Trustees, Honorary member of the Cuban American Association, and as a member of the State Democratic Hispanic League of Voters. In addition, Mr. Cortinas served as the Chairman of the College Board since 1993, making him the first Hispanic in the state to attain this distinguished position.

After retiring from an impressive career with the Sheriff's Office, Mr. Cortinas used his years of experience to further serve the community by entering into politics. Since January, 1998, Mr. Cortinas had served as Deputy Mayor of Newark until his recent passing. Mr. Cortinas will be greatly missed by the Latino Community, the City of Newark, and the 13th Congressional District.

Anselmo Millan was elected in 1995 as the first ever Hispanic Councilman in the Town of Harrison. He has been a source of leadership to the jurisdiction, as well as to the Hispanic Community. Mr. Millan has coordinated citizenship drives, clothes drives for survivors of Hurricanes Mitch and Hortense, and helped organize the Coalicion de Sociedades Espanolas. He has also been a leader for Latino vote-USA, an organization that is devoted to including Latinos in the democratic process.